Modernisation of air traffic services at Delhi, Mumbai and Calcutta International Airports

639. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) when the modernisation of air traffic services at Delhi, Mumbai and Calcutta International Airports was taken up and by when the same were scheduled to be completed;

(b) the expenditure involved in the modernisation of air traffic services at these airports:

(c) the present position and the reasons for delay in the implementation of the project;

(d) the percentage by which the cost of the projects is anticipated to escalate by the time of their completion; and

(e) the measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Air Traffic Service facilities at Delhi and Mumbai airports are being modernised. This system is being automated with the installation of state-of-the-art equipment. A satellite based Automatic Dependent Surveillance System (ADSS) has already been installed at Calcutta in December, 1996. The system site acceptance test at Delhi airport has been completed and the system is under operational trials. The system site acceptance test at Mumbai airport will be completed by October, 1997. At Calcutta installation of new Primary and Secondary mode 's' Radar is likely to be completed by December, 1997.

(b) the total cost of modernisation of ATS at Mumbai and Delhi airports is Rs. 423.89 crores.

(c) The reasons for the delay in the completion of the project are as under:—

(i) Abnormal rainfall during 1993 and 1994, which affected the civil construction work;

(ii) Change in the scope of the work;

(iii) Delay in replacement of components which became unserviceable during installation;

(iv) Modifications had to be carried out by the contractor to meet the specifications;

(v) Procedural delays in obtaining Customs Duty and Import Licence clearances.

(d) There has been a 20.5% increase in the cost of Delhi-Bombay modernisation project. In the case of Calcutta, there is no escalation.

(e) The project is being monitored on a weekly basis. Top management level meetings are frequently held between M/s Raytheon and Chairman, AAI. The Ministry has also taken up the matter with the US Embassy for expeditious completion of the project.

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640. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
श्री नागमणि:

क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने विमान क्षमता की कमी और अपर्याप्त यातायात मांग की समीक्षा की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके कारण क्या हैं;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि ऐसी समीक्षा के अभाव में एयरलाइन्स को बहुत हानि हो रही है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो सरकार की इस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री सी॰एम॰ इब्राहीम): (क) और (ख) योजना आयोग द्वारा नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना (1997–2002) के लिए गठित किए गए नागर विमानन सम्बन्धी कार्य दल ने नौवीं योजना अवधि के दौरान यात्री और कार्गो यातायात तथा क्षमता अपेक्षाओं में वृद्धि का आकलन करने हेतु एक उप-दल बनाया था। उप-दल ने अपनी रिपोर्ट में नौवीं योजना अवधि में भारतीय वाहनों द्वारा अतिरिक्त क्षमता शामिल करने की सिफारिश इस प्रकार की है:-